recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State financial relations especially the devolution of the financial powers from the Central Government to the State Governments and to examine the changes required in article 356 of the Constitution of India. The Members expressed their opinion but no final agreement was reached- It was decided that the Chief Ministers and other Members of the Standing Committee would send their views to the Intcr-Statc Council Secretariat in writing on these two issues. Replies have since been received from the Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Assam Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan and West Bengal, besides the Union Minister of Industry. The matter will be placed before the Standing Committee in its next meeting.

Opposition to Joint Command set up to combat terrorism in North-East

512. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some local outfits have launched agitation to oppose the recently introduced Joint Command to combat terrorism in the North-East Region;

(b) if so, the details and grievances of the agitators in this regard; and

(c) the stand of Govemment *vis-a-vis* agitators and success of the unified command till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Manav Adhikar Sangram Samittee (MASS), Assam Jatiyatabadi Yuva Chatra Parishad, All India Peoples Resistance Forum and Citizen Forum are the main organisations which have opposed the formation of a Unified Headquarters to coordinate security operation against anti-national insurgent groups in Assam. This is due to their favourable disposition towards the insurgent groups. The operations of the Unified Headquarters has been by and large successful in control ling the situation in Assam.

Indian children deported from Saudi Arabia

513. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that children in the age group of 5—12 years who are reported to have landed at Bombay from Saudi Arabia are unable to find their homes and their future is uncertain; and

(b) the steps Government are taking to help rehabilitation of these children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pak sponsored Terrorism in India

514. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cross border terrorism sponsored by Pakistan was proved by conviction of five persons including Pakistani Nationals by Ahmedabad Court; and

(b) the steps, the Government of India arc taking to cub Pakistan sponsored terrorism being perpetuated in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As regards curbing Pakistan sponsored terrorism the following steps have been taken by the Central Govemment:-

(i) Border fence/flood lighting has been erectedbeing erected on the Indo-Pak border,

(ii) OP towers have been erected along International Border with Pakistan,

(iii) Additional Bns. of BSF have been sanctioned in order to reduce the

gaps between the BOPs and patrolling/Nakas have been increased/intensificd.

(iv) Night vision devices, Binoculars, goggles, twin telescopes, PNV Binoculars and hand held search lights have been provided for enhanced vigilance on the border.

(v) Boats/Motor boats have been pro-vided for patrolling riverine aneas on the border.

(vi) the intelligence set up has been geared up for keeping close surveillance on the border.

Post lying vacant in Intelligence Bureau

515. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:

SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 150 posts of IPS officers are at present vacant in the Intelligence Bureau and that there arc a good number of those of top ten

posts also are vacant;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the effort made/contemplated by Government to fill the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) A number of posts meant for IPS officers are vacant invarious ranks in Intelligence Bureau, *i.e.* 4 posts of Additional Director, 5 posts of Joint Director, 17 posts of Deputy Director and 99 posts of Assistant Director/Joint Assistant Director are presently vacant. However, the work relating to the vacant posts is being handled by the available IPS/Cadre officers of the organisation in addition to their duties. Selection and appointment to various posts on Central deputation is a continuing process and urgent action is at hand to fill up the vacant posts.

कंप्यूटरीकृत अपराभ सूचना प्रणाली

516. **श्री अजीज जोशी**: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या अपराध संबंधी घटनाओं और अपराधियों से संबद्व कंप्यूटरीकृत सूचना प्रणाली-प्रारंभ करने की परियोजना से संबंधित कार्य पूरा हो गया है:

(ख) यदि हां,तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है :

(ग) यदि नहीं,तो उसके क्या कारण हैं : और

(घ) उक्त परियोजना के संबद्व संपूर्ण कार्य कब तक पूरा हो जाने की संभावना है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद मकबूल डार): (क) से (घ) 570 जिला मुख्यालयों (नामत:जिला अपराध रिकॉर्ड ब्यूरौ),32 राज्य /संघ शासित क्षेत्र राजधानियों (नामत: राज्य अपराध रिकार्ड ब्यूरो) और राष्ट्रीय राजधानी (नामत: राष्ट्रीय रिकार्ड ब्यूरो)में कुल 603 कंप्यूटर स्थापित किए गए है । सभी कंप्यूटरों में प्रचालन प्रणाली(इस्को यूनिक्स) और आर.डी.बी.एम.एस.(आई.एन.जी.आर.ई.एस.) की व्यवस्था की गई है । प्रत्येक स्थल पर सी.सी.आई.एस.अप्लीकेशन साफ्ट वेयर पहले ही भेजे जा चुके हैं । कंप्यूटर प्रवालन और सी.सी.आई.एस.अप्लीकेशन की प्रोसेसिंग में लगभग 2,249 पुलिस कार्मिकों को प्रशिक्षित किया जा चुका है ।

सभी 603 कंप्यूटर स्वंतत्र रूप से आपरेशन हो गए हैं । राज्य/संघ शासित क्षेत्र पुलिस ने,थानों में दर्ज अपराधों से संबंधित सूचना एकत्र करना शुरू कर दिया है । इस परियोजना का मूल उद्देश्य एक पुलिस कंप्यूटर नेटवर्क तैयार करना है । पुलिस कम्यूनिकेशन नेटवर्क स्थापित करने का कार्य पुलिस बेतार समन्वय निदेशालय का सौंपा गया है ।

ISI activities in Nepal-Teral areas bordering Bihar

517. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn towards news report